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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment of California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment includes programming modifications to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization, portion of the state and applies specifically to Kings County.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	Local Element

- Modifies funding for various projects in Kings County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. See enclosure.

Per attached memorandum from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) dated January 29, 2003, a public-private partnership agreement specifying roles and responsibilities of the organizations involved is required for "Construct Rail Spur on BNSF Railroad (MPO ID: CML-5091B)" project to be eligible under CMAQ program. Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) has been notified to secure this document before project implementation.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between KCAG and the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG), the COFCG makes the finding of air quality conformity for Kings County. Documentation from the COFCG that satisfies this requirement is enclosed. These projects are included and submitted by KCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

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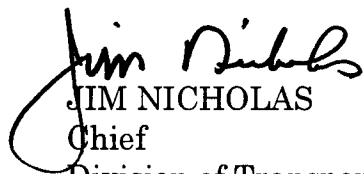
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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. This amendment was prepared under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies and other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholas", is written over the printed name and title.

JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

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Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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Terry King - Kings County Association of Governments
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